



Wednesday night
May 6, 1942
Kelly -

Hiya, folks. -

So. - you've been galavanting around the country wasting Mr. Ickes gasoline and your tires, eh? Haven't you heard about a rubber shortage? - Glad you got to go & see Brother & Melba, tho. - Have they got as nice a place as they write about? It must seem nice for them to get back into "Gods country", eh, Ma?

Oh, yes, - Ma. - I enjoyed your birthday last night! - your ~~box~~ arrived yesterday, and was still fairly fresh! - Of course - the cake was a little dried out, but what's a little thing like that to a fellow in the Army. - It was from home wasn't it? All of it was greatly appreciated; the napkins, nuts, cake, and even the candle!

Had a pretty nice day Sunday. - Went to the zoo - of all places! - They have a pretty nice one here and fairly large, too. - It's not like Washington's. Most of the animals have no cages around them. They are all out in the open, in sorta rocky enclosures, and instead of bars between the animals & people - they have a wide, deep, trench. One that the animals can't get over, so in reality, - there's nothing

between you and them. - Even the monkeys & hois! -
Quite an effect! -

Also went to see Horace Heidt who's playing at one of the theaters in town. It was a real treat seeing something like that after seeing so many post movies. - By the way - Horace and his band came out to Kelly this morning. They put on about the same act as at the movies but it was still very enjoyable - and needless to say - a very welcome break in our routine. - He and his band all seemed sincere in wanting to truly entertain us and don't think we didn't appreciate it. - Frankie Carl was there and did his stuff for us, too. - The other musicians, of course, had their instruments but there was no piano for Frankie Carl. - About half way thru the program they brought one in. I think they got it from the post commandant's home! - That didn't bother Frankie. - he jumped right in and played as if he had been using it all the time. Take it from me. - his records don't do him justice - you have to see his fingers fly to really appreciate him! -

Been real busy all week. - Drill, calisthenics & classes. - We ~~he~~ even had a class last night and today an exam in math. The math was simple, and barring any dumb mistake, I should have gotten a cold hundred on it, I hope!! - I'll make the marks while I can and maybe that will make up for it when I get in deep water! Tomorrow we have another exam - but don't know that I'll make a hundred on that one! - This one is a lecture course and nothing to refer to except notes!

Sorry Matilda needs so much done to her - I
can't understand about her brakes & lights. - I can see
your point in not taking her to Wilmore cause
the other place is much more convenient. - but also much
more expensive, too. - What do you mean he said something
about "silver" beams - you're sure it wasn't "sealed beams"?
- About the oil - in case you've forgotten - use
30 oil during the summer and remember to get the
transmission checked over so often - once a month, I
guess cause it has a tendency to leak from there to
the rear end. - The rear end almost never takes any grease
And the battery checked once in a while, too. -

The anti-freeze - if you haven't already had it drained, ask
Fred about having it saved for next winter cause you
won't be able to ~~by~~ buy any next winter. - But
I guess you know all this already! -

Got my travel money yesterday - \$45.30. - Am sending
Fred a money order and will get him to give you the
money for the bill to the American Oil Co.

Gotta study now - so bye & be good. -

"Happy Mother's Day" or something, Ma.

Love
Frank

P.S. - Please send me either the negative or about 2 copies of
the picture of me in my garrison cap. - I'd like to send
one to Maj. Ames & Carol -